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1. The airfield northwest of BRYANSK (34°22' E/53°14' N), Moscow MD, directly west of the road to BEZHITSKA, was 6,600x10,000 feet. Ten cement taxiways, 33x1,000 to 1,300 feet each, starting from the southern edge of the field, extended toward the field center.
2. A 50x330-foot assembly shop, a radio station, cantonment buildings, and officers' houses were located on the southern edge of the field. A water tower, 200 feet high and 25 to 33 feet in diameter, was completed 600 feet east of the field in late fall of 1948.
3. It was observed that aircraft parts were trucked from the BRYANSK railroad station to the assembly shop, from where jet fighters were towed to the field by tractors.
4. The field was permanently occupied by 20 to 30 fighters, similar to the Me-109, and about 10 biplanes. The fighters, flying in formations, practiced firing at towed sleeve targets. Parachuting from the biplanes was observed.
5. Sixty to eighty jet fighters were parked at the field in February 1949. This number was continually increased by planes towed from the assembly shop.
6. Description of jet fighters: Low-wing monoplanes; length: 23 feet; span: about 16 feet, short wings tapering, rounded wing tips, broad wing roots, landing gear retracting inward, nose wheel, single rudder assembly, cockpit set almost in mid-fuselage, turbine in fuselage, three cannon, one in each wing set close to the fuselage.

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Comment:

a. The 10 cement taxiways extending from the southern edge to the field center are reported for the first time. The occupation by

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conventional fighters and jet fighters which recently arrived by rail was previously reported.

b. According to both the description in para 6 and previous reports, the jet fighters seem to be MIG-9s, since the landing gear is reported to be retractable, contrary to the Yak-15. The dimensions of the plane seem to be underrated. The observation that the cockpit is set in the mid-fuselage is also doubted.

c. The information generally confirms the previous assumption that the field is occupied by at least one fighter regiment equipped with conventional aircraft, one fighter regiment equipped with jet aircraft, and probably one fighter school (particularly for retraining in jet aircraft) or an air supply point for jet aircraft.

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